

If your radio and TV have been giving accounts of the snow storms around here they probably did not exaggerate. But we are okay. And will be as long as the electric wires stay up. Not ours. Everybody else's. I had ours, and the phone wires, put under ground when we moved in. While it has been colder than seasonal we have a several weeks supply of fuel oil. Didn't get the cut much wood before tendonitis stopped it but I have enough near the house for about 2-3 days should we need it. I'm saving it for the emergency I do not expect. Because I did expect this kind of weather I took lil grocery shopping just before it hit so we are not reduced to stocks of staples, either. But we have been snowed in for three days. It snowed again beginning yesterday afternoon so I don't know if I can still walk out to the road. Yesterday there were about three places where it was boot-top deep, not bad. When this snow has melted I'll have to get some green wood cut and at the house so I'll have some that will burn more slowly and keep nighttime fire. I had expected to and in fact had put the charger on the mower batter to be able to haul it, not pack it, when we had the white after Xmas. The one other thing I think I'll do is see if there is an inexpensive battery only CB with the emergency band, something better than a kid's toy. I'd thought of this before and never got around to it. There is a band that is always monitored and is reserved for emergencies. Now that they have allocated more bands, perhaps one with such a crystal will be reasonable. Then we'll be covered on communications if the wires go, as has happened with the wetter snows. I can remember once at ~~Hittown~~ Hyattstown when it lasted for 8 days. With rechargable batteries the first cost is the only one. But we are fine, need nothing, have plenty to do if we remain confined pretty much to the house. After daylight the only snow moving I expect to do is to make a place to feed the birds. I may try laying a piece of cardboard down instead. 500 feet is too much snow to move! But when the storm is over and the farmers have their own arrangements made we can get a snow blower in...It must be getting to the animals, though. Never saw deer tracks to the house wall before. There yesterday morning. At least we don't have the earthquakes we hear of from California. Best HW 1/10/77